



A Soldier's Guide to Sponsorship



Welcome to 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt, Germany. One of the most important pre-move actions for any Soldier is to request and communicate with a sponsor from your new unit. Once you are identified by HRC as an inbound Soldier to 44th ESB, the S-1 will further assign you to a company and also assign you a Sponsor in the USAREUR Sponsorship Gate (S-Gate). The time-frame is within 120 days before your arrival. To request a sponsor, you must first visit the USAREUR Sponsorship Gateway (S-Gate) site. Below are the steps to request a sponsor and to find out your new assigned unit.

1. Visit the USAREUR Sponsorship site (S-Gate) at <https://www.updb.hqusareur.army.mil/portal/default.asp>
2. Log in using your AKO User Name and AKO Password
3. Enter Identifying Information (SSN/Birth date/and primary MOS).
4. Click on (Inbound Pinpoint Assignment and Sponsorship Info).
5. Fill out the required information and you will see your projected unit, Sponsor's name, and his or her contact information (Name, Rank, e-mail and telephone number).

Feel free to contact your sponsor to request information about your new unit or obtain a Welcome Packet. The Welcome Packet, "hard copy" will contain information about Europe, Germany, and your new duty location. Finally, your Sponsor will make every effort to answer any and all questions about your upcoming arrival to the Battalion.